COMMUNICATING WITH LEADERS OF TROUBLE

LORD FRENCH ISSUES PROCLAMATION German Penetration in Far CALLING ON IRISH TO ENLIST-BE-LIEVE CONSCRIPTION IS TO BE FURTHER DELAYED.

London, May 18-Ireland and Irish affairs again have come to the fore. Discovery of a German plot involving certain persons in Ireland was announced last night in Dublin by the issuance of a proclamation signed by Edward Shortt, chief secretary for Ireland, in the name of the lord lieutenant, Viscount French.

This announcement was followed by wholesale arrests in both Dublin and Belfast as well as in many of the remoter districts of the island today.

Among those arrested were the following prominent characters in Irish affairs:

Joseph McGuinness, Sinn Fein member of parliament for the southern division of County Longford; J. McGrath, Walter Scoles, John M. Centes, a Sinn Feiner who was sentenced to death in connection with the events at Dundalk during the rebellion of 1916, and Denis McCullough, another Sinn Feiner. All of the foregoing were placed under arrest in Belofast.

Additional arrests in Ireland reported in dispatches from Dublin include Darrell Figgis, Thomas Hunter, Joseph Mc-Grath, Patrick O'Keefe, Prof. De Valera, President of the Sinn Fein, Countess Markievicz, Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein, William Cosgrave, Sinn Fein, M. P. for Kilkenny, Dr. Thomas Dillon and Dr. Richard Hayes.

The arrest of the Sinn Fein leaders and the issuance of Lord French's proclamation came as a complete surprise here. In Dublin the arrests were made by detectives acting in co-operation with the military, while in the provinces they were carried out by the royal Irish constabulary.

So far as has been ascertained, no formal charge has yet been preferred against the prisoners. They were taken into custody on warrants issued under the defense of the realm act.

The proclamation asserts that British subjects resident in VER Ireland have entered treasonable communication with the German enemy and calls for drastic measures to put down the German plot. Voluntary recruiting is urged in order that compulsion may be avoided and that the Irish may assist in putting down the conspiracy.

Communication with Dublin is slow, but a dispatch to the Times says that a large number of persons already have been arrested in Dublin and other parts of Ireland.

The reference to voluntary enlistment in the proclamation advices from Vienna on the same day appears to confirm predictions that the government have affirm the contrary positively, declar changed their policy concerning conscription in Ireland, owing of the program. to Nationalist and Sinn Fein opposition.

A report became current in Ireland Friday that the government contemplated launching a recruiting scheme on the lines of that formerly conducted by the Earl of Derby in England.

Another report is to the effect that several prominent Irishmen have submitted to Premier Lloyd-George a request to appoint Gen. Sir Bryan Mahon, who has just relinquished the proposals, inasmuch as both in Austria-Hungary and in Germany there military command in Ireland, as director of recruiting in Ireland. Gen. Mahon is popular with large classes of Irishmen with whom he is regarded as having very active sympathies, tria-Hungary and in Germany there are political parties and business interests with sufficient power to exert strong opposition to a realization of the idea of a unified central Europe. Was white checked, lit on our material control in the idea of a unified central Europe. but whether the appointment would have practical results can only be speculated on.

Although there have been many rumors concerning events in Ireland recently, the news received from Dublin early this morning of the arrests made in Ireland and of Lord French's proclamation that certain of the king's subjects "have entered into treasonable communication with the German enemy" created a sensation. Some days ago Sir Edward Carson, the Irish Unionist leader, said in a letter to the government that he knew certain persons in Ireland had been in communication with the enemy, but it was generally taken to mean some unimportant individuals connected with the man who was captured after landing recently on the Irish coast in a collapsible boat. The nature of the arrests, taken in connection with the posting of Lord French's communication, however, indicates that the persons referred to are the heads of the Sinn Fein government, and that the government possesses evidence against ernment and an Irish parliament were

Prof. De Valera, William Cosgrave and Countess Markievicz were arrested for the parts they played in the Sinn Fein rebellion in Dublin in 1916, when the short lived Irish republic that all the promises made were utcame into being. All were sentenced to death, but this was commuted later to life imprisonment. After several months in prison all were released.

Prof. De Valera was elected member of parliament for East Clare last July, and in October Premier Lloyd-George an- Ireland in their eyes. nounced in the house of commons that De Valera was plotting to bring about a new Irish rebellion a few days before De Valera bonds of sympathy which have existwas elected president of the Sinn Fein in Dublin. Since the ed between the American and the passage of the Irish conscription bill De Valera has been very tion of the republic," the statement active in working against it and has had many conferences concludes, "to urge upon their Britwith John Dillon.

William Cosgrave was elected member of parliament for principles of democratic freedom and Kilkenny last August. In a speech several days later he said national self determination so magthe Irish would fight German domination. On May 1 he was sou's declarations, the benefit of marine out there to escape being selected to accompany the lord mayor of Dublin on his proposed visit to the United States in connection with the anti-con- them in foreign lands." scription campaign in Ireland.

One of the most prominent figures in the Dublin rebellion in 1916 was Countess Georgina Markiewicz. She led a part of the Sinn Fein forces and was reported to have personally killed a guard in an effort to capture Dublin castle. She returned for Allied intervention in Russia to said Moore Thope she does, said I. to Dublin last July. Last December 3rd, two boys were arrest- made by the Daily Chronicle in comed while carrying high explosives from Scotland to Ireland, menting on Lord Robert Cecil's "ad-They were reported to be members of a boy scout organiza- sia" in the house of commons yestertion headed by Countess Markievicz,

Arthur Griffith has aided the Sinn Fein by his pen and Allies allow Russia to fall under Gercounsels more than by active leadership. He took no part in man influence the harder it will be to extricate her eventually. the fighting of Easter week and at various times has been in conflict with De Valera, who is of a more fanatical type. De Valera was born in New York city of a Spanish father and an frish mother,

The French steamship Atlanticque Pal Moore, the sensational Mem s torpedoed. Ten passengers were phis bantam, has been called in the The ship reached port safely, army draft,

ALLEGE GERMANS ARE RAISE HAVOC WITH HUN PREPARATIONS

FORM MILITARY PACT TO GUARD AGAINST KAISER

East Will Be Met By Allied Action.

Paris, Friday, May 17-Japan and China have been informed by the Allied governments that they have arranged for Entente military co-operation to meet the dangers threatening the peace of the Far East from German pene-

Washington, May 18-The Entente military cooperation arranged to meet threats to the peace of the Far East by German penetration as reported today from Paris, is understood here as a purely defensive measure, in which participation for the present will be confined to Japan and China. Its primary purpose is the safeguarding of Manchuria with possibilities of its extension to Si-

VIEWS OF BERLIN

Amsterdam. May 17—There is a of how he and a companion, Sub-remarkable disparity between the ad-Lieutenant Eric Moore, of the Royal "We sighted a trawler about 6 p. m Amsterdam, May 17-There is a vices from Berlin and those from Vienna regarding the scope of the projected extension of the Austrian-German alliance. Whereas the Berlin version of the pact, according to the Cologne Gazette, denies that the alliance is to be embodied in the con-stitutions of the allied empires, direct ing such embodiment to be a part

The importance of this lies in the fact that should the proposals con-template constitutional changes, they would have to be submitted to the parliaments of both empires, whose

45 MEMBERS OF

Dublin, May 17-At a meeting of 45 members of the Irish party here yesterday, with the Irish Nationalist leader John Dillon, presiding, a statement was issued to the effect that the bill for conscription in Ireland was adopted by parliament largely under the impression that no attempt would be made to use the power until a responsible Irish govcalled into existence. The latest dovelopments, however, lead to the conviction, the statement says, that the government has no intention to produce any bill whatever. It also says tered simply for the purpose of deceiving the house of commons, the people and above all, the American government, the American people and the Allied European nations, and of prejudicing the cause of

"We beg of the American people and government, in the memory of the Irish nations ever since the foundaish ailles the duty of immediately applying, in the case of Ireland, those which is denied to Ireland, while the Irish people are called on to fight for a mast head light and shouted.

INTERVENTION IN RUSSIA IS URGED

London, May 17 .-- An urgent plea mirably sympathetic reference to Rus-

HARVEY ON LABOR BOARD. Washington May 17-William P. Harvey of Kansas City today was ap-

YANKEES BRING DOWN **2 GERMAN MACHINES**

PERSHING'S OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION FROM AMERICAN SECTOR GIVEN OUT-DETAILS OF BRINGING DOWN GERMANS.

Wasington, May 18-Another official American communication from Gen. Pershing was made public today by the war

Gen. Pershing transmitted details for a French general who was com-of the bringing down of the ing to confer decorations, are as fol-German planes by Capt. Peterson of the American army while aviators "While waiting, Capt. Peterson were waiting for a French general made an ascent and encountered two coming to confer decorations. The communication follows:

ionary Forces, May 16, 1918-"Section A—In Lorraine patrolling was active and there was again increase of artillery fire. Otherwise the day was quiet at points occupied by our

"Section B-Particulars concerning bringing down hostile aeroplanes at accidentally fallen within our lines about noon, May 15, previously re-

German planes and shot down both within one minute, firing 60 shots at "Headquarters American Expedi- first and 15 at second. First plane burst to flames before hitting ground and wings of second were seen to crumple up when nearing earth. No definite information concerning third hostile plane reported brought down.

"It is now determined that our ae-roplane reported yesterday as having ported, when aviators were waiting bly by hostile anti-aircraft guns."

CLUNG FOR 80 HOURS TO SEAPLANE PONTOON

THRILLING TALE OF ENSIGN STONE GIVEN UP MONTH AGO AS DROWNED IN ENGLISH CHANNEL—RESCUED BY TRAWLER.

Washington, May 18-Ensign E. A. Stone, U. S. N. R., of Norfolk, Va., given up for drowned in the English channel last Waiter J. Nichols, Shelton; John Illery is causing havor with German Prikoda, Box 284, Forestville, Conn.; preparations near the front lines while month, has safely arrived in London, according to information Melvin Cook, 716 Howe Ave., Shelton; received here today from the London representative of the John H. Cuil, R. F. D. 2, Fairfield; committee on public information.

With a companion Stone clung for | by a neutral ship and interned, or cap-

before he was saved. Ensign Stone tells a thrilling story Naval Air service, drifted on the sea on Tuesday. She had just been chasfrom Saturday morning until Tuesday ing a submarine and so did not seem

"I left our station in a British seaplane as pilot, with Sub-Lieut. Eric both too weak to stand up and signal Moore of the Royal Naval Air service, as observer, at 9 a. m. Our duty was Moore's hands were too swollen to Wakeman, 6225 So. to convoy patrols. When two hours out, having met our ships coming my gloves on and was able to do so. from the westward, we thought we The trawler moved warily around us, sighted a periscope ahead and turned but finally threw life preservers at the off in pursuit. We lost our course, end of a line. I yelled that we were Our engine dropped dead and at 11:30 o'clock forced us to land on the sur-

face in a rough sea.
"We had no kite nor wireless to assent would be necessary.

In Vienna there is no attempt to conceal the conviction that many stumbling blocks lie in the path of the stumbling blocks lie in the stumbling blocks reached home. But the other, which was white checked, lit on our ma-

planes, which kept settling. I saw that they were pulling the machine down by the rear, turning her over. tore the off-tail fabric to lessen the impact of the waves. It wasn't any use to stop. The tail flat was smashbox filled with water. This increased the downward leverage and

raised her perpendicularly. 'We climbed up the nose and to the top and to the under side of the

"When I crawled aft for food Moore saw that I was only helping the machine to capsize. He yelled to me to come back and I did, just in time to save myself from being carried down with the tail and drowned From then on for nearly four days until picked up by a trawler, we were continually soaked and lashed by sear and with nothing to eat nor drink. We had nothing to cling to and so to keep from being washed overboard we go upon the same pontoon and hugged our arms about one another's bodies for the whole time. We suffered from thirst. I had a thirst for canned peaches. Quite a drizzle came on wetting the pontoon. We turned or our stomachs and lapped up the mois ture, but the paint came off with sall and nauseated us.

"Our limbs grew numb. time to time the wreckage from tor pedoed ships would pass. Once two swim for, but by then in our weaken we knew that we drown if we tried to get them.

We did haul in a third tip and broke it open. It was filled with tobacco. "Every day we saw convoys in the distance and vainly waved our handkerchiefs. We had no signal lights to use at night. Our watches stopped and we lost all track of time. spotted. On Sunday night we spied ship heard and began to circle us. We saw her port light. She headed straight toward us until within 100 yards. Then, when the crew were vissuddenly put out her lights and turned away. 'She thinks we are Huns,' get us. We couldn't be worse off if we were Germans.' But no rescue

"On Moonday afternoon a seaplane came from the east. It was flying only 800 feet overhead, aiming down the channel. It seemed impossible that to be she could not sight us, for the air was say. perfectly clear. But she passed straight above without making any signal, flew two miles beyond and came back on her course. 'Her observer must be sending wireless about pointed today one of the two joint us,' I said. 'Yes, that is why we get field representatives of the National no recognition, said Moore, and now War Labor Board, He was selected But that plane hadn't even seen us. by Frank P. Walsh, one of the Joint But that plane hadnt even seen us. cause of death. One theory was chairmen of the board. Former President Taft, the other joint chairman, afraid of two things—being picked up from a battery charging station.

80 hours without food or drink to tured by an enemy submarine. Now the under side of a seaplane pontoon we even hoped that the enemy—that anything-would get us to end it all. "'A ship would have to run us down

night before reaching safety. His ac-count follows: she changed her course. We could only rise on our knees. too weak to grasp it. She finally hove to, lowered a boat and lifted us aboard. Then we collapsed."

New Haven, May 18-On com plaint and after a hearing, Assistant Federal Food Administrator Farnam of this city has found the Susman Feuer Co. of Bridgeport, guilty of infringement of the United States food administration regulations governing the sale of wheat flour and has imposed a fine of \$250, payable to the Bridgeport chapter of the Red

FIFTH OF JUNE DATE SET FOR REGISTRATION

een fixed as the date for registration of youths who have attained 21 years of age since the first army draft regisration, June 5, 1917. The resolution authorizing the new registration is awaiting the President's signature, but the Provost Marshal General's office virtually has completed preparations for carrying it into effect,

DEATH PENALTY

Paris, May 18-Deputy Bakanow ski, in the chamber of deputies today, asked for the passage of a law providing the death penalty for enemy aliens failing to register or guilty of false registration in disguising their nationality.

"Enemy aliens," he s aid, "enter France for no good purpose. Presumption of espionage should be sufficient to warrant the death sen-

CHAPLAIN OF WARSHIPS SHOT

Tokyo, Tuesday, May 14-(By the British warship in the port of Vladi vostick has been found dead in the aburbs, says a dispatch to the Asahi Shimbun from Vladivostok. He had been shot and the case is believed

DRAFTED MAN DIES.

Stamford, May 18-John Chrusdu-

95 MEN FROM DRAFT BOARD

Although Draft Board Division 13 had a large number of young men physically fit for general military service, in deferred classes on account of agricultural grounds, a list of 95 names has been compiled, for the contingent to leave this city Friday for Camp Upton Those that are to go are:

Michael Beatrice, 200 Kneen St.

Shelton; Tony Millotti, 140 Tunxis Hill Road, Bridgeport; Frank S. Tilson, Sandy Hook; Joseph Catalda Vesper St., Fairfield; Miachael Jos. Dolnon, Newtown; Domenico Amereno, \$7 Hewitt St., Bridgeport; Ernest Anderson, King St., Westport; Thomas Zielensky, 2323 Barnum Ave., Strat-ford; John Rusgrove, Huntington Road, Shelton; Edward Steble, 72 Cliff St., Shelton; Willis Jones, Westport; Edw. J. Coffey, 234 Howe Ave., Shelton; Michael G. Charney, 180-A. Hollister Heights, Stratford; John Dudginsky, 125 Center St., Shelton; Harold Baker, Imperial Ave., Westport; Frank Perkins, 23 Walnut St. Ext., Waterbury; Robert Henry, 111 W. 63rd St., New York; Joseph Bernabee, 100 Hill St., Shelton; Edw. Ches Mulling Fairfield. Too Register. Chas, Mullins, Fairfield; Joe Bovinzo, Southport; Fred Van Holtz, Southport; Percival R. Banks, Westport; Jas. Shaughnessy, Southport; John Belini, Jackson Ave., Stratford; Thos. Sherwood, 1 DeKalb Ave., Jersey City, N. J.; Edw. J. Hennessey, 2192 Main Bortnick, 26 Pease St., Stratford; Geo. Parker, R. F. D. 11, Westport; Richard McNally, Fairfield; James Crick, Newtown; Enrico Pisereta. Westport; Frederick W. Kopp, Oak-Now land St., Stratford; Frank E. Mallette, that Rowan Ave., Fairfield; Wm. J. Whitley, 160 Nichols Ave., Stratford; Benjamin D. Sharpe, 27 New St., Shelion; Jacob A. Tapper, 334 Throop

Ave., Brooklyn; Jos. Bradley, Fair-Samuel Van Fleet, 34 Perry Ave., Shelton: Frank J. Keniry, Newtown; Lewis Erark, Westport; Salvadore Beale, Westport; John Coscia, Box 56, Shelton; Ernest Volderaner, Jr., Grasmere Ave., Fairfield; Michael T. Carusony, Westport; L. Kenneth Albany Ave., hold a handkerchief, but I had kept Chicago, Ill.; Ralph Baumann, 2813 aid become Central Ave., Brooklyn; Louis Bailey, R. F. D. 2, Bridgeport; Ralph Osborne. 86 Fairview Ave., Stratford; end of a line. I yelled that we were too weak to grasp it. She finally hove port; John Cerore, 124 Center St., Shelton: Alexander Hauser, Westport: John W. Nielson, 31 Merwin St., Norwalk; John H. Murphy, Sanford Ave., Fairfield; Frederick Jordan, 74 Perry Ave., Shelton; Geo. Stillman, 1435 Pembroke St., Bridgeport; Stephen Tomek, R. F. D. 3, Bridgeport; Ernest H. Owen, R. F. D. 4, Bridgeport; Geo. H. Downs, Westport; Edw. Brown, 130 Fairview Ave., Stratford; Jos. Jarderlli, 273 Sedgwick Ave., Stratford; Leroy J. Lovejoy, New-AFTER HEARING Stratford; Leroy J. Lovejoy, New-town; Edwin A. Doolittle, 121 Central

Waterbury: Cehster Woodworth, Westport; Patsy Shea, 3 New Shelton: Adam J. Stalmack Thompson Ave., Stratford; Carl H. Slater, Sandy Hook; Chas. D. Mattero, Saugatuck; Edw. Purcell, 117 Cliff St., Shelton; Walter B. Hammond, 1505 Elm St., Stratford; John P. Troy, Sandy Hook; John Deveney, 3 Stratford Ave., Stratford; Edgar Hanlon. Sandy Hook; Francis J. Devlin, 405 Coram Ave., Shelton; Edgar Riley, 908 Broad St., Stratford; John Buech-Ridgefield Ave., Bridgeport Charles Yucas; Greenfield, Fairfield; Guesuede Stina, Davenport Ave., Saugatuck; Nicholas Crace, Botsford, Conn.: James A. Muhon, Southport Leo F. Cunningham, 12 Stratfield Road, Fairfield; Dominic Montane Westport; Wm. C. Karstensen, West-Wm. Quill, East Main St., Strat-

Washington, May 18.—June 5 has HUN TAXATION **PUTS TERRIBLE**

Amsterdam, May 18-For the first time since the war began, Germany is now attempting to help pay the ex-FOR ENEMY ALIENS penses of war by new taxation. The new finance program calls for German taxes to yield over \$800,000. 000. This new burden is described by the German Finance Minister as "the price of victory." New taxes on cocoa are to yield \$450,000,000, while postal and telegraph increases are estimated to return \$85,000,000. There are also to be increases in stamp du-ties. These taxes, which are said by the newspapers to be "only a beginning," are the greatest in amount ever asked from German taxpayers. The finance minister describes the taxes as "mainly aimed against only the richer classes."

VON HERTLING IS OPTIMISTIC

to be one of murder, the advices in an interview with the Berlin cor- Cabinet without portfolio, in discusswill bring us nearer a speedy end of would be held after the war.

quota next week, died at the Stamford rolling mills yesterday and the
medical examiner is to determine the would unhesitating and together and in fact might even

Big Guns of Allies In Action Rain Shells on Hun Centers.

AERIAL ACTIVITY OVER U. S. LINES

No Infantry Fighting Reported Today on Western Front.

While the renewal of the German offensive in the west awaits completion of the enemy's preparations and presumably weather conditions that fit in with the German plans, events are in progress elsewhere with potentially important bearing on the war as a whole, namely, the decision of the Allies in the Far East and

artillery contests go on, most violent on important sectors, but neither the German infantry nor artillery displays the activity that usually marks the coming of a blow against the Allied

The enemy, it is believed in Lon-St., Stratford; William R. Cook, R. F. don, is preparing for a mighty attack D. 8, Shelton; Francesco Ciannetti, greater in force if possible than the Saugatuck; Wm. P. Barnett, 551 State smash on March 21 along the 50 mile St., Bridgeport; Earl G. St. John, front southward from Arras. The Newtown; Ernest Baker, Westport; Germans, however, are having diffi-Samuel Beardsley, Franklin St., culty in filling up their greatly de-Saugatuck; John M. Dudas, 166 Soundview Ave., Stratford; Stephen lost more than 50 per cent.—one 70 per culty in filling up their greatly decent .- of their effectives in the refighting. In addition, the Allied artheir railroad stations and billets behind the lines are under an almost continuous rain of bombs dropped by Allied airmen.

Enemy artillery and man power concentrations probably stronger as Field Marshal Von Hin-denburg delays a new advance, but the Allied defenses gain strength in the same ratio and a new source of fighting power, the American army, grows in power. Gen. Pershing's men are now on both the important battle fronts. Flanders and Picardy, but in what numbers it is not Their coming, however, is having a great moral effect on the British and French and the longer the Germans delay, the greater will the American

Aerial activity is the most prominent feature of the news from the fighting zones. French and British airmen have dropped many more tons of explosives on enemy military targets while the Germans are becoming more active in attempts to get behind the Allied lines. In aerial fighting the British have brought down 35 German machines, while British guns acthe destruction of 18 Allied aeroplanes. Another attempt to raid Paris Friday night failed.

On the American sectors west of Montdidier, northeast of Toul and in Lorraine, the aerial fighting also has increased. The American positions in Picardy and Lorraine are bombarded heavily by the Germans. The artillery fire has fallen off in the Toul sector, but American patrols are active

BALFOUR SPEECH **PUTS PACIFISTS** THEIR PLACES

London, May 17-The London morning newspapers, with one exception, wholly endorse the position taken by Foreign Secretary Balfour on question of peace proposals, set forth in his house of commons speech yesterday. The newspapers contendthat in that speech he disposed finally of the pacificist suggestion that an opportunity for peace was missed in the way that the letters of the Emperor Charles last year were dealt with. The Daily News, which supplies the exception, in taking the opposite view, says that the facts so far as they are known do not sup-port Mr. Balfour's claim that the attitude of the Allies was justified. "It is impossible to believe for example," it says, "that if the negotiations had been conducted by Presi-dent Wilson instead of by the three

SUGGESTS CALL FOR CONFERENCE OF THE NATION

statesmen who conducted them, he

would easily have accepted the con-

clusion that they offered no hope of a

stable peace.

London, May 17 .- A suggestion that the United States might ask Holland to take the initiative in calling upon the Allied governments to confer at The Amsterdam, May 18-"I am still Hague, not in substitution for, but optimistic enough to believe we shall have peace this year," said the German chancellor, Count von Hertling, Barnes, Labor member of the War respondent of the Budapest news-paper Az Est. "I cherish firm con-tions last night He expressed hope fidence that further events in the west that another Hague peace conference

An Allied conference at The Hague medical examiner is to determine the would unhesitating and joyfully join touse of death. One theory was that it. Unfortunately, present conditions he had been shocked by electricity give very little hope of that. Our are ready for such a meeting, he said from a battery charging station.